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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WINTER SEASON ALL-CARGO SCHEDULES

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1. CIVILAVIA AIR TRANSPORT DIRECTOR SITAJOLO CLARIFIED FOR EMBOFF ON DEC 28 GOI REASONING BEHIND REFUSAL TO AUTHORIZE PANAM AND TWA ALL-CARGO SERVICES REPORTED REFTEL (A). ACCORDING TO SITAJOLO, ANNEX "A", NOTE (3) - ROUTE SCHEDULE, WHICH STATES THAT "ALL-CARGO SERVICES MUST TERMINATE IN ITALY" RULES OUT FERRY OPERATIONS TO POSITION AIRCRAFT FOR MOVEMENT OF CARGO IN WESTBOUND DIRECTION ONLY. THUS, EACH WESTBOUND ALL-CARGO SERVICE MUST CORRESPOND TO EASTBOUND ALL-CARGO SERVICE ARRIVING IN ITALY USING ROUTES PERMITTED BY ROUTE SCHEDULE AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: IF THIS INTERPRETATION CORRECT, IT APPEARS WE WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO FORMAL GROUNDS ON WHICH TO BASE COMPLAINT (WHICH WE FORESAW MAKING IN REF A). WHILE IT APPEARS THAT CIVILAVIA MAY HAVE AUTHORIZED SOME FERRY SERVICES FOR WESTBOUND OPERATIONS IN THE PAST, THIS ARGUMENT (WHICH WAS ADVANCED BY EMBOFF) IS NOT RPT NOT CARRYING MUCH WEIGHT AT PRESENT.
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3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE, PER REF (B) PARA 3, THAT WA IS OPERATING ITS EASTBOUND AIRCRAFT ON CHARTER.

4. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS SITAJOLO'S REASONING WITH LOCAL TWA AND PANAM REPS AS OCCASION ARISES; DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DO

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SAME WITH APPROPRIATE STATESIDE MANAGEMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT HAS DIFFERING INTERPRETATION OR SUGGESTIONS ON ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS WE COULD MAKE TO CIVILAVIA, PLEASE ADVISE. OTHERWISE, EMBASSY WILL RECOMMEND TO TWA AND PANAM THAT THEY CONSIDER FILING REVISED SCHEDULES.
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